

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1095

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend J.H. and Odith Cross on the occasion of Cross Flower Shop's 52nd anniversary.

WHEREAS, the elected representatives of Tennessee take great pride in recognizing those estimable business owners who contribute significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, J.H. and Odith Cross have owned and operated the "unique family venture" known as Cross Flower Shop in downtown Rogersville for fifty-two years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Cross have witnessed many changes in the florist business since 1957, when flowers were delivered to Rogersville via Greyhound bus; and

WHEREAS, during their first eighteen years in business, the Crosses pursued their version of the American dream through extremely hard work and very long hours; Odith worked days at Pressmen's Home and nights at the shop, while J.H. worked graveyard shift at International Playing Card and Label Company and days at the shop ; and

WHEREAS, having built a successful business through quality customer service, outstanding products, and honest and fair dealings with the public, Odith and J.H. Cross have now turned over much of the decision making for the family business to their children, Alan Cross and Vickie Cross North, both of whom were "raised in a flower box"; and

WHEREAS, Cross Flower Shop has been honored as a Top 2000 Dove Teleflora Award winner; and

WHEREAS, businesses such as Cross Flower Shop are truly the backbone of American society, as they combine the spirit of entrepreneurship with the morality of family values and honesty and integrity in the public sector; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend J.H. and Odith Cross, their employees, and the entire Cross family on the occasion of Cross Flower Shop celebrating fifty-two years in business and extend to these exemplary Tennesseans our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.